

Corn yields		
	Cloud	Jewell
2003	153	161
2004	188	197
2005	188	181
2006	148	167

What the above suggests is that there were exogenous factors (e.g., temperature, rainfall timing, whatever) pushing irrigated corn yields higher in 2004 and 2005 independent of the “fallowing acres” issue noted in KBID. Moreover, average harvested corn acres in 2004-2005 were 3% higher than the average for 2003 and 2006 in Cloud County and 10% higher in Jewell County. So, it would be hard to argue that irrigators (using surface water rights mostly outside of KBID, or perhaps groundwater) in those counties also were fallowing acres causing an increase in yields.